

The Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York speaks out on behalf of adoptive and foster families and all children needing permanent, loving families. Every advocate, parent group, and agency that joins strengthens our voice!

#### Membership Benefits Include:

- Expert information and referral services
- Consultation and training specific to local needs
- Legislative alerts and information on adoption/foster care issues and practice
- Membership in our email advocacy network
- An invitation to our annual meeting
- Reduced registration fees for our annual statewide foster care and adoption conference

**There are two easy ways to become a member of AFFCNY:** Make a secure online payment on our website or complete the form below and mail or fax it with your payment to AFFCNY, 108 Main Street, Suite 5, New Paltz, NY 12561, Fax# 888-482-9112. AFFCNY is a 501c3 tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

- Individual annual membership - \$40.00  
 Parent Support Group annual membership - \$60.00  
 Agency or non-parent group organization membership - \$100.00  
 I'd like to join AFFCNY with an additional tax-deductible donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member or Agency/Group Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City /State /Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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If joining as an agency or parent group, please visit our [information page](#) to tell us about your services so that we can add you to our online New York foster care and [adoption services directory](#).

**Please Note:** You may be able to double your membership donation to AFFCNY at no additional cost, check with your employer to see if a company matching gift program can match your donation to AFFCNY.

The Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York (AFFCNY) provides support and advocacy for foster and adoptive parents as well as information to parents and professionals in New York State. AFFCNY is guided by a belief in the right of every child to a permanent, loving family. Incorporated in 1975, AFFCNY unites adoptive and foster parent groups, concerned agencies, and individuals.

***Our goals are to:***

- Educate and support foster and adoptive parents and professionals through information-sharing
- Improve services available to children in foster care and that have been adopted
- Increase citizen involvement in local service planning and delivery
- Require greater public accountability of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, other systems providing out-of-home care for children, and local agencies

***The following activities and services contribute to our goals:***

- Administrative and legislative advocacy
- Parent support group development/support services
- Information and referral services for families and advocates for every county through our website and by telephone
- Annual statewide foster care and adoption conference
- Training workshops for parent groups and agencies
- E-updates of current research and information that pertains to foster care and adoption
- Award-winning videos, “Struggle for Identity: Issues in Transracial Adoption” and “Foster Parents Speak: Crossing Bridges and Fostering Change”
- A lawsuit with the firm, Morrison & Foerster, seeking to require New York State to set a minimum rate for foster care monthly stipends based on the actual costs of caring for children. Federal law requires reimbursement for the “cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child’s personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to a child, reasonable travel to the child’s home for visitation, and reasonable travel for the child to remain in the school in which the child was enrolled at placement.” 42 U.S.C. 675(4)(A).
- Development of a county/agency level foster parent manual template in cooperation with the Administration for Children’s Services